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REPORTED TO THE GRANGE

Dr. Hedrick appeared before the New York State Grange at its annual meeting in Utica yesterday to give a report on the work of the Experiment Station for the past year. This has long been a feature of these meetings, as the Grange has had a fatherly interest in the Station since its inception in 1882. Dr. Hedrick's remarks this year had to do chiefly with the varied activities being carried on under the several special funds assigned to the Station. He also pointed out the numerous ways in which farmers have made use of the Station during the past year.

CHANGE OF DATE

Dr. Hedrick has announced a change of date for the 105th annual meeting of the New York State Agricultural Society of which he is President. The original date was January 20, but that is the day President Roosevelt is to be inaugurated in Washington and Governor Lehman, who is to be the guest of honor and speaker at the Agricultural Society banquet, will of course attend the inaugural ceremonies. The date of the Agricultural Society meeting, therefore, has been changed to Tuesday, January 26. There will be an all-day session devoted to the general theme of "New Crops for Old Lands", to be followed by the annual New York State farm products dinner, always a repast and a program long to be remembered.

MUST BE PRACTICAL

Dr. H. G. Knight, Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, in addressing the Staff last Friday afternoon, stressed the necessity for research programs in publicly supported institutions, such as the Department of Agriculture and the state experiment stations, to tend toward the practical, leaving to the universities and privately endowed laboratories the more abstract research.

STATE CANNERS

The annual meeting of the New York State Canners Association to be held in Rochester on Thursday and Friday of this week will require the attendance of Dr. Glasgow, Dr. Reinking, Mr. Sayre, and Mr. Tapley to discuss recent developments in their respective fields as they affect canning crops.

CANADIAN CANNERS

Next week, Tuesday and Wednesday, Mr. Sayre will address the National Canners Association of Canada at Ottawa on various phases of his fertilizer investigations with canning crops.

LEAVING FOR GERMANY

Mr. Karl Brase sails next Monday on the George Washington to spend the Christmas holidays at his home near Hanover, Germany. Karl will be gone about a month and is planning to visit several points in Germany where plant propagation work similar to that in which he is interested here is in progress.

EXPECTED HOME

The Gambrells were expected to reach Geneva yesterday or today, following a visit to Mrs. Gambrell's home at Mantua, Ohio, for Thanksgiving. The death of an uncle delayed their return to Geneva.

*****CHRISTMAS PARTY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18*****

A VISITOR

Dr. Hanna Becker of Halle, Germany, was a visitor at the Station on Monday, when she conferred with Dr. Reinking on certain problems of disease resistance in plants and with Dr. Tukey on his studies on stock and cion relationships. Dr. Becker has been doing special work at the University of Minnesota.

BACK HOME AND FULL OF YARNS

Mr. Marquardt and his family arrived in Geneva yesterday and report a wonderfully interesting and profitable trip. While Jules has many stories to tell, the most recent incident and the one that seemed most to impress him when interviewed by a NEWS reporter was the capture of a 150-pound shark while fishing in the harbor at Havre just before sailing for home. He challenges the other fishermen at the Station to match that one.

MAKING PLANS

An organizing committee of the ladies of the Station Club, headed by Mrs. Yale, met at the home of the latter Monday afternoon to discuss ways and means of making effective the good intentions expressed at the annual meeting of the Club last fall when the desirability of better social contacts among the ladies was pointed out. With everyone agreed that "something" should be done, tentative plans were made for monthly get-togethers, beginning in January, with different ones in charge of each event.

TO START WORK

According to newspaper accounts, work will begin on the new horticultural building on the State Fair grounds about January 4. While no definite announcement has yet been made about the two other buildings to be erected as part of this project, the inference is that they, too, will be ready for the Fair next fall.

MEASURING THE DIVIDEND

Dr. W. H. Martin, Director of Research at the New Jersey Experiment Station, estimates that the value of the increased potato yields that New Jersey growers obtained thru applying findings of research at the New Jersey Experiment Station alone exceeded the total appropriation of \$345,000 that the state made to the Experiment Station for the current fiscal year. Potato yields in Jersey for the last 10 years have averaged 62 per cent higher than those obtained from 1900 thru 1909, due very largely, according to Dr. Martin, to the utilization by potato growers of the findings of the Station scientists on better methods of cultivation, fertilization, soil management, and plant pest control. Consumers also benefit, says the Doctor, because if the growers were less efficient prices would undoubtedly be higher. Similar substantial gains are also claimed for many other New Jersey farm products, representing still further dividends on the State's investment in farm research.

YOUTHFUL HELPERS

The several youthful workers that have recently made their appearance around the Station are operating under the auspices of the National Youth Movement, with Mr. McCormick of Penn Yan as regional director. These young people come from Geneva and it is expected that eventually there will be thirty or thirty-five of them here at the Station.

THESE ARE NEW

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